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"History herself, as seen in her own workshop."

LANCASTER COUNTY PETITIONS ETC., TO THE
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It is not my purpose to entertain you this evening with anecdotes or with interesting stories intended to please the ear for a moment, only to be forgotten. It is my purpose rather to present a monograph that will be worth publishing and that will form a permanent contribution to your very valuable publications. I have selected petitions and a few letters that I think fairly well illustrate the varied activities of citizens of Lancaster County during the period covered.

The period is an interesting one in our history, as you well know Mr. Fisk saw fit to name it the Critical Period of American History. The period is marked by many of the characteristics that follow in the wake of every war. Added to this was the uncertainty as to the future of our national government or perhaps better of the confederacy. In Pennsylvania we were operating under the constitution of 1776 and one of the leading features of our government was that of a single assembly instead of the senate and house as provided for by the constitution of 1790. I have endeavored to select documents that throw light not only upon different sections of the county and that bring out prominent names but also such as will enable the student of history to get an insight into the problems that faced the citizen of Lancaster County during this period.

It might be in order to mention here that Lancaster county was represented in the first general assembly which met at Philadelphia November 28th, 1776 by William Brown, Josiah Crawford, William Henry, Alexander Lowrie, Philip Marsteller and Joseph Miller. That in the second assembly which was held at Lancaster November 20th, 1777 the County was represented by James Anderson, William Brown, Ludwig Lauman, Alexander Lowrey, John McMillan and Philip Marsteller and that in the assembly which met at Philadelphia in 1778 Lancaster County was represented by James Anderson, William Brown, John Gillchreest, Curtis Grubb, Alexander Lowrey, and John Smiley. October 25th 1779 by James Anderson, William Brown Junior, Emanuel Carpenter Junior James Cunningham, John Gillchreest, James Jacks, Christopher Kucher, William Porter, John Smiley and John Whitehill. 1780—James Anderson, Emanuel Carpenter, Jacob Cook, James Cowden, Philip Greenwalt, James Jacks, Christopher Kucher, Alexander Lowrey, Adam Reigart, Mathias Slough and John Whitehill. 1781—James Anderson, Emanuel Carpenter, Jacob Cook, James Cowden, Philip Greenwalt, James Hacks, Christopher Kucher, Alexander Lowrey, Adam Reigart, Mathias Slough and John Whitehill. On November 12, 1784 the following were declared elected from Lancaster County—Samuel Boyd, William Brown, Emanuel Carpenter, Robert Clark, John Craig, Robert Craig, Andrew Graff, Peter Grubb Junior, John Hopkins, David Jenkins, Alexander Lowrey, James Mercer, Joseph Montgomery, James Morrison, Adam Orth, William Parr, James Porter, George Ross, Abraham Scott, William Stoeys and Joseph Work. October 27th, 1785, Dauphin having now been separated from Lancaster the Lancaster representatives were Samuel John Atlee, Emanuel Carpenter, Edward Hand, Adam Hubley, Alexander Lowrey, Abraham Scott, Joseph Work, March 3rd 1786 William Parr took the place of Edward Hand resigned. The members for Dauphin for this session were Daniel Bradley, Robert Clark,

David Krouse, Adam Orth. October 26, 1786 Samuel J. Atlee; who died November 1786, Emanuel Carpenter, Adam Hubley, George Ross and Joseph Work. November 1, 1788, James Clanson, James Cunningham, Henry Dering, Jacob Erb, John Hopkins, Alexander Lowrey. November 2nd, 1789 James Clanson, James Cunningham, Henry Dering, Jacob Erb, John Hopkins, John Miller.

During this period the state was governed by the Supreme Executive Council a prominent member of which was Samuel J. Atlee who was also a commissioner to the Indian Tribes of New York as the minutes of the Council as well as a letter written by him will show. Among the petitions there is one or more referring to contested election cases in which it was charged that men who were not qualified were permitted to vote. Under the constitution of 1776 and the laws enacted in conformity therewith each district selected two men to be justices of the peace only one of whom was commissioned by the Supreme Executive Council. Bitter disputes arose at these elections where only freeholders were permitted to vote and these contests were frequently referred to the council.

With reference to the work of Samuel J. Atlee as one of the commissioners to treat with the New York Indians at Fort Stanwix the writer respectfully suggests that it will be quite worth while for some member of the Historical Society to prepare a paper on this subject more particularly of course in so far as it relates to the work of Mr. Atlee.

(Letter from Col. Hubley in Favour of Capt. Zeigler to His Excellency John Dickenson Esq., President of Pennsylvania.)

Lancaster, June 22nd, 1784.

Sir:

We are informed that a body of Troops are shortly to be raised, by the United States, and that Pennsya. will have to furnish a part of them.

Permit me to sollicite your Excellency's Interest in favour of Capt. David Zeigler (late of the Penna. Line) for one of the Companies. He is a Gentleman of an excellent character, and one whose zeal in our late glorious struggle has been very conspicuous, he early entered the service, and Continued to the end of the War, in which he distinguished himself as an attentive, brave and intelligent officer, and his general conduct has been uniformly deserving of applause; any attention paid him will be most respectfully acknowledged by

Your Excellenys most obt. and
very hum. Servt.

Adm. Hubley jr.

(To the Supreme Executive Council)

Lancaster August, 16th, 1784.

Sir:

The Council having appointed me to the Care of the Barracks, Public store house and Powder magazine in this Town, I beg leave to inform them that one of the Gable Ends has lately been broke down by the fall of a Chimney from that part of the Barracks which was lately sold. This accident has laid open some of the rooms and will receive much injury by the weather indeed the whole of the Barracks are in a ruinous situation and unless a new roof is put on the whole Barracks will be destroyed in a short time.

I am Sir your
Hble. Servt.

X John Shriber.

In vol. 14, p. 186 of the Colonial Records under date of Aug. 28, 1784, there appears a very interesting minute of the proceedings in council, in which the above named Samuel J. Atlee and others were given a large quantity of goods with which to make peace with the Indians. The powers and duties of the said Atlee et al as commissioners also appear in the said minute, as the whole is already in print in the Colonial Records, reference to it here is all that is necessary.

(Petition of Thomas Whiteside and others)

Sept. 10th., 1784.

To his Excellency the president and Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania The Petition and Remonstrance of a number of the Inhabitants of the Townships of Bart and Colerain in the lower end of Lancaster County humbly sheweth that on the 28th. Ult., a Petition was presented to his Excellency the President representing an election held on the eighth of June last in sd. district in order to choose two fit persons for the office of magistrate, when by fraudulent and collusive means in admitting a number of persons to a vote who were not entitled to that privilege by law together with mean and undue influence previous to sd. election, Joseph Miller was first upon the return to support which complaint we can produce the testimony of Paul Ralston, John Baird, John Anderson and others. And whereás the prayer of said petition was rejected and a legal investigation of the proceedings respecting said election refused we would once more request your honorable body to grant us the privilege to which as Freeholders and Freemen of the Commonwealth we are entitled by law as the subversion of said election will not only redress a greivance which must otherwise be borne by your petitioners with much reluctance but will also give a check to rising corruption which if cherished may soon become so prevalent as to pervert the very design of Elections and destroy the privilege of elective power.

Thomas Whiteside
John Paxton
Alex Lewis
Andrew Work
Jacob Boilstone

(Petition of Christian Wirtz and Son)

Sept. 23rd., 1784

To the Supreme Executive Council, of the State of Pennsylvania, the petition of Christian Wirtz and Son, respectfully sheweth that they have imported eight pieces of superfine Broadcloths and two pieces of Coatings in the Ship Commerce Captain Thomas Truxton from London, which are considerably damaged, they therefore request of council an order of Survey, to the wardens of the port, that the same may be examined, and the necessary measures forwarded for sale of said goods, for the benefit of the insurers, as they are now in a very perishable state.

(Letter from the Honorable S. Atlee)

Pequea, Lancaster County, Nov. 18th., 1784

Sir:

I take the first opportunity to inform council of my arrival last evening at my own house, to take a few days rest and refreshment, after the most fatiguing piece of business I ever undertook.

I have the great pleasure of reporting that, that part of our mission which respected the Northern Tribes has been concluded to our utmost wish, and I trust will be fully satisfactory to the State. The consequences we must leave.

Col. Johnston has begged a few days to see his family, when we shall sell off the remaining part of our tract which I fear will be much more

disagreeable than the former, by reason of the advanced season of year, I mean our western duty, we hope however, should we return safe to be able to report upon that business with equal satisfaction to ourselves and constituents.

The deed from the six nations for its greater security we thought proper Col. Johnston should take with him, but upon second consideration, I thought best to have it with us and have apprised him thereof. Should council be desirous of seeing it, he will have the pleasure of laying it before them for their perusal.

Until my arrival I heard little of the contents subsisting respecting the late election, particularly of this county, my unfortunate absence upon publick business in October last prevented my declaring against an election of Councillers for this County, which had I been present I think should have done, judging myself fully entitled to a seat in the Executive for three years, from the preceding election. This, I think I have full authority for, from the 19th. section of the form of government which says "for the present (that is the year 1777) the supreme Executive Council shall consist of twelve persons chosen in the following manner, and after the first choice in 1777. The successive Councillers shall be chosen for three years and no longer.

By this clause, I think myself entitled for two years longer to a seat in the Council. Nothing but the important public duty assigned me (could prevent my attendance and demanding my seat but trusting in the wisdom and impartial Justice of Council and determining shortly to proceed to the westward must defer it, until our return to make our final report.

Granting a right of election for a Councillor, the last October which I by no means do) I think any pretensions strengthened (if possible) by a great majority of my Constituents having declared for me which I trust will be found (if the matter shall be thought worthy of cool and full investigation.)

The election of the district of Paxton returning about eight hundred votes, I understand has been held without the Judges, etc., being legally qualified, and that not more than one hundred and fifty or at most two hundred voters present.

Complaints are likewise made against the exorbitant numbers returned from the district of Lebanon, the disproportion of the voters present being nearly similar to that of Paxton.

Mere making of right and not of choice has induced me thus fully to write to your Excellency and Council for be assured Sir, I find more real enjoyment and satisfaction in one weeks residence with my Family and Friends, than I have experienced in all the nine or ten years attendance upon the Duties of the public.

I have the Honour to be Sir
your Excellencys and the Councils most
obedient and most Hble. Servt.
Saml. J. Atlee.

His Excellency Jno. Dickinson Esqr. Presidt.

It will be interesting to note that the services of Mr. Atlee and his fellow commissioners were altogether successful in their efforts to negotiate with the six nations at Fort Stanwix, as a message from President Dickinson and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly February 26, 1785 indicates. This message is published on page 159, of the Votes of Assembly of Pennsylvania of the years 1784-1785 and also in the Messages etc. of the Governors in the Fourth Series of Pennsylvania Archives.

"Petitions Against Extending Market On High Street, Phila."

The following petitions from the inhabitants of the county of Lancaster

praying that the market house in High street within the city of Philadelphia may not be extended farther westward are I believe the most valuable documents of the kind in existence. They indicate the extent to which Lancaster County farmers were interested in the Philadelphia markets and the lists of names of signers including as they do those of residents of what are now the counties of Lebanon and Dauphin constitute an unusually valuable contribution to the history of Lancaster County. After the publication of this paper by the Historical Society the writer predicts that descendants of Lancaster countians from all over the United States will express a desire to see the original lists in the Division of Public Records in the State Library of Harrisburg. These petitions are without date but in the Votes of Assembly of Pennsylvania 1784-1785 there appears this minute. "Petitions from a considerable number of the inhabitants of the county of Lancaster, were read, praying the Market-house in High street, within the city of Philadelphia, may not be further extended westward. Ordered to lie on the table."

It is needless to say that many of the names are difficult to trans-literate but it is believed that as reasonable a degree of accuracy as is possible under such circumstances has been attained.

(Petition Against Extending Market on High St.)

Read April 1, 1785.

To the General Assembly of Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania The Memorial and Petition of divers Freeman of the County of Lancaster Respectfully sheweth,

That your memorialists stand informed, that repeated applications have been made to the honourable House, for a law to extend the Market House on High Street, still farther westward.

That it is of great importance to the Farmer to have a ready access with his wagon into the heart of the city; The price of his produce, and the readiness of sale, greatly depend upon it; There he can most easily purchase such goods as he may have occasion for, and best inform himself of the lowest price at which they are sold. While, on the contrary, if he be obliged to remain at the outskirts of the city, there are fewer purchasers for his produce, he is at greater difficulty to obtain what he wants to purchase, and more liable to be imposed on by the few traders who may reside there.

That High Street, from its great width, is well calculated for accomodating wagons, while they remain in the city; but the other streets are too narrow as to be extremely inconvenient—That even that street, wide as it is, has lately often been much crowded, and that increase of wagons is so great, as must soon render a want of room for them a distressing circumstance—That the farmer who brings his produce from a great distance, in wagons, may as reasonably expect accomodations, while he remains in the city, as those who bring their produce a smaller distance on horseback—That while there is no other suitable place than High Street, yet provided for the reception of great number of wagons, there are many other convenient places for those who bring their produce on horseback, and which may be extended to any degree of conveniency.

Your petitioners therefore pray, that until some large open square, near the centre of the trading part of the city, can be obtained for the reception of wagons, the entrance into the heart of the city by High Street, may not be any further interrupted, or prevented, by any means whatever.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will etc.

Petition Number One

Those marked * signed their names in German.

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| Paul Zantzinger | Philip Beyer* | Isaac Long* |
| John Offner | Christian Kagey* . . . | Chria Brubacher* |
| Charles Boyd | John Brand | John Lapelhoun (?) |
| John Longanecre | Abraham Mayer* | John Fisher |
| Hannes Lieb* | Martin Bar | Isaac Baer* |
| John Pfautz* | Jacob Wihelm | Steffan Meyer* |
| George Schwartz* | Jaco Schneider* | Johannes Schumacer* |
| Robert Moore | Jacob Hostetter | Abraham Peter* |
| Thomas Turner | Johannes Schwar* | Johannas Noackr* |
| Joseph Schenck | Abraham Brubacher | Philip Becker* |
| Jacob Shlofft* | John Kauffman | Jacob Nye* |
| Hannss Witmer* | Peter Miller* | Peter Stauffer* |
| Michael Zartman* | Christian ()* | Abraham Huber* |
| Jacob Zartman | Christian Merckel* | Abraham Carpenter |
| Alexander Zartman* | Georg Rub* | Michael Forner |
| Emanuel artman* | Friedrich Schob* | Adam Dambach* |
| Bentik Eschleman | Peter Maurer* | Henry Van Vleck Jur. |
| John Hamaker | Johannes Lang* | his |
| Johannes Koeller* | Joseph Martin* | Henry X Shopp |
| Christian Kauffman | Haness Frantz* | mark |
| John Pflieger | Georg Dut* (Gut?) | Johannes Martin* |
| Johannes Langenecker* | John Shenk | Leonhart Rickert* |
| Henrich Miller | Abraham Dohner* | Jacob Strobel* |
| Philib Rank* | Adam Weber* | Christian Schenk* |
| Michael Rautz* | Jacob Stahl* | Henrich Kauffman* |
| Andreas Herschey* | Abraham Reiff* | Samuel Hege* |
| Jacob Herschy* | Johannes Wendt* | Michael Boghman |
| Christian Meyer* | Jonas Wittwer* | George Graff |
| Jost Brand* | Jacob Brubacher | Martin Speck* |
| Ulrich Weltmer* | Jacob Ludwick* | Hannes Kuntz* |
| Jacob Graeff* | Michael Vankennen | Jacob Gemberling* |
| Johannes Nichlaus* | Johannes Mosser* | Samuel Stemt* |
| Manuel Herr* | Christian Harschi* | John Graff |
| Daniel Lehman* | Friedrich Schwartz* | Jacob Krebiell |
| Peter Hege* | Frantz Hopp* | Sebastian Nese |
| Christian Herr* | Michal Cagee* | Abraham Huber* |
| Philip Hess* | David Bender* | Simon Schneider* |
| Abraham Gisch | Christian Erb | Christian Huber* |
| William Huggins | John Johnsen | Samuel Stentz |
| Andreas Kauffman* | Abraham Wittmer | Henrich Neff* |
| Andrew Shober | Henerrich German* | James Keyes |
| his | Vallentin Whitmeyer* | Gorg Seltrich* |
| Marks X Nagel | Conrad Schreck* | Jacob Erhart* |
| merk | Stofel Winter* | Hannes Horst* |
| Christian Stauffer* | Mich Wittmer* | John Eby |
| Johannesh War* | his | Johannes Wittmer* |
| John Leaman | Michael M. Witmer | William Bischoff* |
| George Bard | mark | Sammuel Rihen* |
| Hans Frey* | Daniel Baum* | Andreas Scholl* |
| Abraham Stauffer* | Hanis ()* | David Neidig* |
| Jacob Kindrick | Daniel Bard* | Georg Rathvon* |
| Abraham Doner* | Isaac Neff* | Christian Staufar |
| George Webb | Jacob Stehman* | Henry Rovon |
| Gerg Illig* | Henrich Brubacher* | Samuel Funck* |
| | Jacob Greiner* | |

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| Abraham Cerpar* | his | Jacob Brubacher* |
| Henry Breneman | David X Elgen | Jos. Wright |
| Mardin Bard* | mark | Willm Wright |
| Matheis Dunckel* | Michael Funck* | Christian Weissler* |
| Jacob Meyer* | his | Jacob Mayer* |
| Will Webb | Philip X Brenner | Abraham Zerfass* |
| Samuel Bar* | mark | Paul Traut* |
| John Huber | David Kauffman* | Johannes Getz* |
| Henrich Wilhelm* | Baltzer Schortzer* | Gerg Schub* |
| Isaac Kauffman* | John Hostetter | Adam Dietz* |
| Henrich Vaug* | Christian Hostetter* | Christoff Stech* |
| Samuel Huber* | Joseb Schuerch* | Isaac Kuntz |
| William Evans | Joseph Charles | Johanes Leman* |
| John Binkley | Christian Brug* | Michael Gerber* |
| Jacob Steiner* | Henrich Baer* | Andres Bar* |
| Christian Steiner* | Jonathan Jones | Joseb Brubacher* |
| Henrich Hiestand* | Herman Long | Andres Gerber* |
| Christian Stauffer* | Jacob Ebersol* | Martin Mayer* |
| his | Abraham Buchwalter* | Henrich Ruth* |
| Henry O. Bletzer | Jacob Landis* | Jacob Geyer* |
| mark | George Messersmith | Henrich Ruth* |
| Ludwig Stotz* | Frederick Sheaffer | Henrich Beyer* |
| John Gillard | Michael Gottschall* | Jacob Rothenauer* |
| Valledin Kress* | Georg Illig* | Georg Geyer* |
| Adam Keller* | Michael Gerber* | Conrad Lantz |
| Samuel Mayer* | Jacob Mayer* | Johan Schultz* |
| Christian Martin* | John Landes | Dewalt Schmidt* |
| Ludwig Uhler* | Michael Pime | Jacob Bassler* |
| Peter Allbright | John Sponhower | Peter Stotz |
| Lanhart Klein* | Peter Resh | Solomon Herman* |
| Christian Loneneker* | John Light | Ludwig Wohlfarth |
| Johannes Frey* | Michael Ruedner | George Rack* |
| Martin Mayer* | John Newcomer | Daniel Weber* |
| Peter Leman* | Abraham Stiberly | David Landres* |
| Henrich Beh* | Johan Schontz* | Benjamin Landes |
| Johannes Bar* | Jacob Johnson | John Shaefer |
| John Pfliniger* | Christian Zimmerman* | Henrich Kaslroth* |
| his | Hans Zimmerman* | Jacob Martin* |
| Matthias X Wendnagel | Jacob Eberle* | Andreas Riem |
| mark | Christian Miller * | Lorentz Herckelroth* |
| Andrew Hartman | Johannes Hun* | Michael Barr* |
| Peter Maurer* | Jacob Messersmith | Henry Miller |
| Philip Schaum* | Anthon Beck* | John Miller |
| Martin Huber* | Johannes Odenwalt* | Stofel Drawinger* |
| Henrich Paulus* | Ludwig Urband* | Jacob Sontag* |
| Jacob Bamberger | Hanes Kurtz* | John Knaeussle* |
| Joseph Bamberger* | Jacob Rupp* | Henrich Geyer* |
| Jas. Patterson | Abraham Garber* | George Kappes |
| his | Saml. Patterson | Abraham Baer* |
| Martin X Hambright | Jacob Reisht | Peter Fohrney* |
| mark | Peter Gerber* | Christian Fahrney |
| Gerg. Hambrecht* | John Neidig* | Martin Wohlfarth |
| Abraham Kege* | Christian Herman* | Christian Oblinger* |
| Matteis Marret* | Samuel Neudig* | George Feather |
| Isaac Horschii* | Christian Herr* | Johannes Kraus* |
| Michel Gerber* | John Ween | John Oblinger |
| Jacob Lang | Isaac Miller* | Ludwig Bronner* |

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| Adam Hirschberger* | John Detweiler | Christian Stibely |
| Jacob Wolf* | Benjamin Bucher | Gottlieb Youngman |
| John Snyder | Jacob Sponhauer* | Jacob Youngman |
| Jonathan Rowland | Daniel Hintner* | Paul Weitzel* |
| Christian Knopp* | JJohannes Gessler* | Johannes Kneussli* |
| Stoffel Waltz* | Jacob Stiben* | Samuel Huber* |
| William Heidler* | Frantz Lambert* | John Gerber |
| Sigmut Klein* | Johannes Kauffman* | Christion Krofft* |

(Note) Petition No. 2 is Missing

Petition No. 3

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| Fred Seeger | Thomas Kittera | Adam Zimmerman |
| Jacob Huber* | Wm. Smith | John Huber, Senr. |
| Henrich Merkly* | Amos Evan | Georg Martin* |
| David Diefenderfer | William hand, senr. | Peter Smith |
| Earl Mullr* | Michael Steven | Daniel Witwer |
| Peter Eaker | Daniel Gehr | Jacob Schafer* |
| George Stone | David Witwer | Georg Leonhard* |
| Johannes Stein* | Daniel Houston | Wm. Dietz |
| Thos. Henderson | John sinsinigh | George Weaver |
| John Wilson | Jacob Widler | Jacob Glaster, Junr.* |
| Jacob Beck | John Grey | Michael Hildebrand* |
| Georg Voltz* | John Jinkin, Jur. | Henry Peter |
| James McConnell | John Gonter | Robert Wright |
| Wm. Cloud | Robert Liggaet | Andreas Kolb* |
| John Markly | George Rione | Mathias Shirk |
| Alexander Wilson | Adam Rauck* | Owen Bruner |
| John Armor | John Rees | Vallendin Petter* |
| John Gordan | Joseph Whitshill | James Watson, Juner |
| John Wilson | Daniel Beck | James Wallace |
| John Sensenig | Robert Good | James Watson |
| Hans Huber* | Henry Hildebrand | William Hemons |
| Joseph Huber* | John Davis | John Davies |
| John Devenderfer | Hannes Voltz* | Samuel Merchal |
| George Devenderfer | Harman Skiles | Zacchs. Davis |
| Jacob Diefenderfer* | Jacob sintzenig | Hanss Zentzen* |
| Jacob Diefendorfer* | James Martin | Marte Marten |
| Solomon Dietz | Jacob Schaffner | Barger Schenck* |
| John Miller | Alexr. Mcilvain | Marten Roth* |
| John McMullen | John Zell | Henrich Rodacder* |
| Joseph Beggs | Christoph. Grosch* | Danl. McKee |
| Wm. Beggs | Jacob Kautz* | Hugh Thomson |
| John Beggs | Daniel Kouts | Henry. Weever, Jur. |
| Henry Hambright | George Blumer | Jacob Roth |
| Ludwich Ranck or Rauck* | Joseph Zimmerman* | Gorg Lenroth* |
| Andw. Givan | Georg Matter* | Martz Zwinden (?)* |
| Alexander Martin | David Wishart | Peter Bentz* |
| | Isaac Eby | Henry Zern* |

Petition No. 4

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| Adam Miller | Casper Schmidt* | Andrew Ream Jun. |
| Jacob Andrew | Daniel Fahnestock* | Fillib Dock* |
| Ludwick Andrew | Casper Fahnestock* | Georg Dock* |
| Christian Bowman | James Wright | Fillib Dock Yung* |
| John Bowman | Charles Fahnstock | John Norton |
| Benjamin Gorges* | Andreas Pifer | John Wolff |
| Thomas Davis | Marcus Montelius | Edward Rehford |
| George Werner | Abraham Hirschberger* | James McNeely |
| John Hetter | Jacob Rehm* | James Mcfaden |
| Jacob Keller Junr. | Lenhard Keller* | Anthony Ellmaker |
| Hans Jacob Keller* | John Sheaffer | Heinrich Steinbrick* |
| Wendel Hupshman | Adam Weitzel | Georg Lenard* |
| Johannes Muller* | Phillib Epprecht* | Henrich Schmidt* |
| Adam Nees | Adam Mosser* | James Johnston |
| Abraham Graeff* | Christian Waber* | Emig Schneiter |
| Joseph Heffle | Bernhard Reiger* | Jacob Schowalter* |
| Thoms. Locquier | Joseph Groff* | Gabriel Davis |
| Abraham Klein* | Christian Frantz* | Edward Good |
| Johannes Lutz* | Jacob Bower | David McKee |

Petition No. 5

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| William Busch* | John Huber | Daniel Hirschi* |
| Melcher Rutisili* | Rudy Herr* | Georg Wohlfarth* |
| John Borkholder | Henrich Landes* | Jacob Rahm |
| Michael Hess | Jacob Killheffer | Hannes Frantz* |
| John Groff | Michael Diffenderfer* | Robt. Templeton |
| Henrich Muller* | Adam Fonderau | Johannes Ebersohl* |
| John Nelan | Michael Hock* | Jas. Porter |
| Johan Sharff* | Robertus Waller* | Jas. McMillen |
| Henrich Mayer* | Johannes Schmidt* | Tho. Wiggins |
| Martin Lauman* | Petter Brown | Andrew Berreyhill Senr. |
| Lewis Lauman, Jr. | Michael Siegrist* | James Caldwell |
| Stephen Martin | Daniel Melone | Andrew Moore |
| Johannes Graff* | Wm. Bausman | Everard Gruber |
| Hannes Barrens* | Matthias Young | Frederick Rathvon |
| Wm. Sawyer Jr. | Philip Gloninger, Jr. | Jacob Eshleman |
| Robert McCallen | Philip Leonard | William Young |
| William Sawyer Senr. | Philip Difendafer | Daniel Bradley |
| Faldin Greinaer* | Filib Finck* | Jas. McCreight |
| Fr. Denken Miller | Phillip Dietrich* | John Ensworth |
| Joel Ferree | Christian Neaff | Josias Espy |
| Sam Lefever | John Bausman | Isaac Harrison |
| Emanuel Ferree | Andreas Bausman* | Jas. Dixon |
| Isaac Ferree | Frederick Bausman | David Witmer |
| Johannes Mun | William Crabb | Fredk. Snyder — |
| Conrad Mann* | Philip Schumacher* | Simon Snyder — |
| Michel Wenger* | Joshua Haines | John Graeff |
| Johannes Horst* | Jno. Bowman | John Boughman |
| Gorg Deier* | John McFarland | Martin Baer* |
| his | Jno. McKinnfe | Abraham Newcomer |
| John H. Frantz | James Laird Snr. | Michael Schenck* |
| mark | Shem Grabeill* | Christian Borrell* |
| George Kugler | Joseph Mischler* | Benjamin Lesle |
| Archibald Steel | Ludwig Casler Junior | Adam Weber* |
| Samuel Eby | Hendrix Ruthy* | Jacob Brubacher* |
| Hannas Herschi* | Christian Eby | Henrich Dorr |
| Joseph Jagi* | Sebastian Keller | Daniel Bollinger* |
| Jacob Bar* | Jacob Schoneder* | John Ward |
| Christian Brand* | (Illegible) | Hans German* |
| Mardin Becker* | Martin Frey* | Michael Bender* |
| Johannes Neuhart* | Michael Rahm | Henrich Scheubly* |
| Hans Schenck* | | Christian Kauffman* |
| Christian Eschlman* | | Johannes Rohrer* |
| Lewis Peters | | |

Note: No. 6 is Missing

Petition No. 7

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| Christoph Ziblot* | Thomas X Atkinson | Hans Lichtald* |
| Michael Miller* | mark | Conradt Diel* |
| Hannes Schee* | Hans Grof* | Henrich Durckes* |
| Harris Schnebli* | Daniel Stroh* | Henrich Schnatterley* |
| Jacob Vicks* | Adam Leobart* | Jacob Snevely |
| Andon Carmeni* | Michael Uhler* | George Strow |
| Leonhart Imel* | Elick Martin | John Scully |
| Peter Miller* | John Rohr | Casper Jost* |
| Jacob Bicher* | seni | Jacob ()* |
| Hannes Daner* | Georg X Trung* | sein |
| Sebastian Wolf | merck | Hanes X Richert* |
| Jno Philip Peck | Hans Licht Jung* | merck |
| Johanes Imel* | James Long | Michael Breidebach* |
| his | Peter Schmitt* | Nicalaus Bechler* |
| Jacob X Snee | Jacob Weaver | Hans Ulrich Schnebli* |
| mark | Johannes Fischer* | Michel Theiss* |
| Christ. Peck | Peter Fischer | Georg Hock Ald* |
| Philip deboi | () | Friedrich Stover* |
| Abraham Diel | Casber Ellinger* | Caspar Stover* |
| Johan Henner | George Ellinger, Ald* | Peter Miller |
| Casper Jost (Yung)* | Casper Lob* | John Krause |
| Henrich Schnatterly | George Bacman | Christophel Ambrosius* |
| Abraham Hell | his | Phillip Fernsler* |
| Johannes Merckel | Abraham X Ramsey | Michel Miller* |
| his | mark | Adam Rice |
| Joseph X Krause | Abraham X Smut | James McClane |
| mark | his | Johannes Reuther* |
| Phillip Weiss | mark | Johannes Stein* |
| Leonard Toops | Wm. Rine | George Ellinger Jur |
| Jacob Eichenberner Jung | Andrew Krause | Jacob Weirich* |
| Adam Rine | Lenhart Kohler* | George Schnebly* |
| John Macher | his | Casber Yung blut* |
| Henrich Seyler | John I. D. Dutweiler | David Krause |
| Bartel Rickert | mark | John Stoehr |
| John Shultz | Michael Killinger | George Reinahl* |
| Peter Ambrosius | Necolous Strone | Phillip Mies* |
| his | John Dups | |

Petition No. 8

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| Peter Martin | Hannes Schaffer* | John Kemyer* |
| Martin Mohler* | Abraham Cerpar* | Peter Schwartzmeler* |
| George Gotz* | Mark Martin | Leonhard Rotig |
| Philip Beck | Aberham Schefer* | () Rohland* |
| Jost Miller* | Bearnhard Feather | Jacob Nagly |
| Henrich Miller* | George Rock | Jacob Neagly Jur. |
| John Smith | Jacob Carpenter | Johannes Zoller* |
| Michael Bitzer* | Peter Farni* | George Lick* |
| Baltzer Gotz* | George Miller | Peter Sneider |
| Jacob Landes* | Abraham Fahrny | Joseph Inebenet |
| Solomon Mayer | Johannes Martin* | Joseph Willis |
| Johannes Urig* | Jacob Heist* | Conrad Myer* |

Mark Grove
 Charles Hasaker
 Christian Forney
 John Senseny
 Andreas Heidler*
 George Rap*
 Michael Lehman*
 Ludwig Lehman*
 Frantz Brumbach*
 Christian Meier
 Duest Leman* (?)
 Christian Reuckanet*
 Christian Rorbach*
 Salaman Hermann*
 Frederick Ream
 Johan Leinbach*
 John Oblinger
 Johannes Schillug*
 George Stober*
 John Meier
 Joseph Flickinger
 Christoph Oberlen*
 John Martin
 Peter Swartz
 Jacob Groff
 Henrich Hackman*

George Rouy
 Andreas Wiessler*
 David Schurg*
 Wendel Martin
 Philib Buch*
 Michael Oberlin*
 Adam Oberlin*
 Hannes Bucher*
 Jacob Eunraht*
 Georg German*
 Johannes German*
 Peter Danner*
 Michael Groff*
 Philib Hauck*
 Stophel Schurb*
 Henrich Bar*
 Christoph Miller*
 Benedict Bucher*
 Conrad Holssinger*
 Abraham Brubacher*
 David Rolland
 Martin Bar*
 Michael Reuter*
 John Sponhower Jur.
 Jacob Sponhower
 Mathias Drueckenbrod*

Martin Wohlfart
 Daniel Carpar
 (Illegible)
 Bern () () eutzer*
 Michel Schreck*
 Stofel Gessel*
 Abraham Kneislie
 Johan Kleunn*
 Georg Hoh*
 Philip Kreig
 Henrich Bauer*
 Samuel Nees
 Martin Bentz*
 Michael Kneisli*
 William Willis
 Cristian Holdner*
 Henrich Dulban*
 Cristian Webar*
 Michael Fuchs*
 John Gertner*
 Wilhelm Schwunt*
 Peder Feder
 Henrich Feder*
 Adam Brua
 Wendel Traut*

Petition No. 9

Jonattan Mollor (?)*
 Peter Diller
 Michael Hildebrand
 peter borckholter*
 hannis brubacher*
 Zacheus piersol
 Antross bohr*
 John Eaby
 John Senseny
 Jacob Mumah*
 Johannes roth*
 John Greiss*
 henrich schneider*
 bennet (?) Gorman*
 Nicolaus Hand*
 Georg hildebrand*
 Peter Gut
 Elijah Hudson
 Johannes beitzer*
 Michael Brauss*
 Christian holl
 Joseb Groff*
 Henry Zuber*
 Aberham Groff*
 Samuel Weber*
 Jao ber*
 John McCally
 Peter Grim*
 hans Weber*
 Jorg Ihle*

Jacob Snavely
 Michael ber*
 Johannes Voraus*
 Adam Braun*
 David Graf*
 Christian Rudt*
 Georg Kayser*
 Daniel schmitt*
 David Reiff*
 Daniel bosshor*
 Peter Sharp
 henrich guht*
 Hiness Yortt*
 Georg Weber*
 John Golding
 Chonrat Menser*
 henrich Weber*
 Martin huber*
 John Yondt
 Valintin Rank*
 Michael Hauze
 Petter Finney (?) or
 Funey*
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 Jacob Jorter*
 Robt. Cowan
 filib schoffer*
 Nicohaus Weber
 henrich stouffer*
 John Wilson
 John Crawford
 henrich Kintzer*
 Christian burkolter*
 Jacob holl
 Michel schnoter*
 John Sheaffer
 Antross Meynno*
 Robert Wallace, Junior
 Cristian rutt*
 Jacob weber*
 Jacob Hiefer*
 John Rutter
 Samuel Stoufer*
 Joseph Haines
 Conrad Falmstock
 Samuel Crabil
 Adam Swope
 John Hinkle
 Abraham Wolfe
 Philip Killian*
 Johannes Weber*
 Andrew Yount

Petition No. 10

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| Abraham Carpenter | Charles McCowen | Jacob Ferree |
| John Demlinger | Henry Carpenter | John Trober |
| Jacob Kerner* | Christian Hartman | Matthias Slaymaker |
| Constantine Menaugh | George Trout | John Shoafstall |
| William Connel | Abraham Trout | Philip Ferree |
| Charles McClung | John Rowe | ludwig roth* |
| Michael Meyer* | Franciscus rawen (?) | John Foster |
| Benjn Williams | John Smith | Philip Caplan |
| Martin Carpenter | Saml. Stambaugh | William Price |
| John Venner | James Quigly | John Powell |
| David Thomas | Jacob Stambaugh | William Foster |
| Abraham Lefever | Rudolph Penenger | Matthew McClung, Sr. |
| Henry Hersh | Adam Cremor | William Patton |
| John Harr | Peter Larche | Mattw. McClung, Junr. |
| Poul trout | Martin Cockesberger | Mattw. Leetch |
| Nicolaus Seregus* | Daniel Ferree | Wm. Reynolds |
| Benjamin Harr | John Ferree | Fredirick White |
| Samuel Lefever, Jun. | William Linvill | Andw. Ferree |
| Jacob Beck* | Peter Feree | Adam Byerly |
| Joseph Lefever | John Sherts | Daniel Shoefstall |
| Hugh McCalla | John Shertz | John Shoefstall |
| Edward Davies | Martin Kendig | Jacob Ferre |
| Hugh McClung | William Ferree | Isaac peck |
| | Jacob Bakers | |

Petition No. 11

(This is the only petition headed Lancaster & York Counties)

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| Saml. Wright | Conrad Handschu* | John Becker |
| John Storm. | John Handschu* | Titus England |
| Ande Graphff (?)* | Adam Lutz* | Ernest Rafesnider |
| Henrich Steiner* | Hannes Lutz* | Abraham Vantros |
| Thomas Windlert | Stoffel Nagel* | Jacob Gerhart* |
| Adam Speck* | Wilhelm Boz* | Petter Bricker* |
| Petter Brubacher* | his | Godlib Hartman |
| Philip Sprecher* | Chrn X Bamberg | John Arnstol |
| Charles Lorton | mark | John Sheaffer |
| Michel Heller | Johannes Held | Fridrich Wortz* |
| Peter Yung* | Daniel Baker | Henry Pinkton |
| David Dutt* | Abraham Wittmer* | George Gresinger |
| his | Abraham Wohlgermuth* | Jacob Demeler |
| Matheas X Stauffer* | George Hommer | Joseph Seydenspinner |
| mark | Henrich Schorck* | John Haldeman |
| Andrew Cox | Benjamin Mayer | Conrad Negla* |
| John Mishy | Daniel Nagle | |

Petition No. 12

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| John Shillen Jr. | Johannes Furman* | Adam Hiesner* |
| Jacob Shillen | Jacob Scherb* | Henrich Heugal* |
| Jacob Sontag | Jacob Oberlin* | Adam Dreish |
| David Landes | Henrich Herschberger* | Adam Scheuner* |
| Jacob Landes | Lawrence Ludwick | Daniel Rich |
| John Landes | George Seller | George Weaver |
| Abraham Landes | Christian Graf* | George Willard* |
| Samuel Kealler | Hannes Schmidt* | Hannes Koch* |
| David Herschberger* | John Bitzer | Ludwig Weber* |
| Jacob Keller* | Joseph Wenger* | Paul Fuhrman* |
| | Christian Oblinger | |

Note: Petition not numbered but indorsed as received in Council.

April 1st, 1785.

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| Michael Gundacker | Adam Messencope | Ditrick Cump |
| Benjamin Beane | Johannes Braun* | Isazk Kendrick* |
| Joshua King | Michael Rudesili* | Johannes Breconan* |
| Ruti Funck* | Michel Wengart* | Martin Hollar* |
| Richd Henry | David Miller* | Cunard Helvors |
| Mardin Jordan* | Deobart Schunt* | William Hay |
| Johannes Berr* | Martin Weybert | David Braun* |
| Christian Abbel* | Andreas Voltz | John Miller |
| Christian Erb | Conrad Wilth | Jacob Kuchler* |
| Jacob Knoll | John Rohrer | John Ween |
| Nicolaus Schreiner* | Phillip Hockschleger | |
| Benjamin Imobersteg* | William Meyrs | Fr () Hersch* |
| Isaac Peter | Samuel Smith | Jacob Bergh* |
| Henryry Woolf | John Mathiot | Michael Hook |
| John Brubaker | Nehemiah () | Ferdinand Hook |
| Adam Herr* | Willm. Hughes | John Kepple |
| Frantz Hopp* | Thom Huster | John Grein |
| John Leman | Johannes Ebersole | Ludwig Demy* |
| Filip Wein* | Jacob Enck* | Frantz igi* |
| William McKinly | Johannes Forrer* | George Lodman |
| Christian Tschantz* | Peter Wille | John Lodman |
| Lorenz Borsch* | Nicolaus Kohl* | John Bare |
| John Allen | John Scherzer | George Gundocker |

Petition not Numbered

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| John Seites | Andreas Meixell* | Jakob Steuhrin |
| John Good | Dewalt Finffrock* | Wantel Kramer* |
| Hugh Thompson | Jacob Aker | Peter Bantz* |
| Hugh Hanna | Filib Shnater* | Isaac Davis |
| Hanes Bochman* | Ernst Miller* | Jacob Frey* |
| Hanes Scherck* | Abraham Wolff* | Isaac Reist* |
| Christian Meier* | Jacob Roland* | Valentin Stower |
| Samuell Schenck | Wilhelm Berly* | |

The petitioners in all number about 1000 names, all Lancaster Countians as the County then existed.

(Petition from Lancaster for Magistrate)

To his Excellency John Dickinson Esquire President of the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

The remonstrance of sundry inhabitants, freemen of the Townships of Donegal, Rapho and Mount Joy in the County of Lancaster humbly sheweth

Whereas agreeable to the proclamation of your Honble body the Freemen of the above Townships held an election for Magistrates on the ninth day of August last past, when James Bayley (who acted in that Commission the by past seven years) was fairly and duly elected by a majority of votes, a return made out, sent to Lancaster in order to be transmitted to your Honble

Body for choice and confirmation in his said election; as he, when last commissioned acted impartially and judiciously in his administration of Justice betwixt man and man, do request him to be again commissioned; and should there be any alignments alleged or laid in against him, before your Honours, that he may have due notice and a regular hearing appointed him, and your remonstrance shall ever be in duty bound to pray.

May 9th, 1785.

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| Georg Gansz | Nicklas Beck | Arthur Vance |
| John Becker | George Vance | John Defrance |
| Philip Becker | John Vance | David Cook |
| his | Willeam Miller | Hannes Swartz |
| Michael X Becker | Saml. Woods | Brice Clark |
| mark | Nathaniel McGirr | Robert Craig |
| Walter Bell | James Millar | John Groff |
| John Frederick | Freidrich Maurer | Hugh Calwell |
| Bart M. Galbraith | Freidrich Bauer | Friedrich Stumpf |
| Jacob Sheerman | Jacob Holzabffel | David Semple |
| James Cook, Jr. | John Ennauk | William Thornton |
| John Watson | John Winand | Seimon Karbach |
| Danie. Stauffer | Robert Porter | Eanack Haistins |
| John Gorner | Martin Siegler | Ulrich Danner |
| | Friederich Gellbach | |

(Petition of James Gamble)

To the Honorable the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

The memorial of James Gamble of the County of Lancaster most humbly Sheweth,

That your Memorialist early in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six entered into the service of the United States, as part of the quota of this State, and continued therein until discharged in the city of Philadelphia after the expiration of the war.

That your Memorialist then went to Ireland to visit his family, who had suffered many inconveniences from his long absence, and returned with them to this country to enjoy that freedom and happiness which he for a series of years, as far as an individual could, had used his utmost exertions to procure and establish.

That the greatest part of your Memorialists property is in the hands of the United States, who having it not yet in their power to discharge the public deb'ts, prevents him from entering into business, or making any tolerable provision for his family.

That your Memorialist having procured a temporary residence in the County of Lancaster to wait some more favorable event, has been informed the collection of excise for the said County is at present vacant.

May it therefore please your Honours to take your Memorialists situation into consideration and grant him the said collection as an immediate relief for himself and family and your Memorialist begs leave to assure your Honours that he will be indefatigable in the faithful discharge of his office and as in duty bound will ever pray.

12th Sepr. 1785.

JAMS. GAMBLE.

We the subscribers beg leave to recommend the within mentioned

James Gamble as a fit person and well qualified to discharge the duties of the office alluded to, and highly meriting a compliance with the prayer of the memorial.

12th Sept. 1785.

Abm Smith James Porter John Smilie George Woods Joseph Lilly
(Petition of Jacob Mayer read in Council and the fine remitted)

To his Excellency the president and the Supreme Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Petition of Jacob Mayer of the County of Lancaster
Most humbly sheweth

That at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace held at Lancaster on the first Tuesday in May instant your petitioner was indicted and convicted of keeping a Tippling House within the said County. That their Worships the Justices of the said Court adjudged that your petitioner should pay a Fine of ten pounds into the public Treasury. That your petitioner has four small children who are to be supported by his labor only and he is so exceedingly poor as to be incapable to pay the said fine or any part of it. And that if your petitioner is detained in jail his children must want even the necessaries or depend on the community at large for subsistance.

Your petitioner therefore prays your honble Board to remit the said fine and direct that he shall be liberated.

And your petitioner as in duty shall ever pray.

JACOB MAYER

Lancaster Gaol May 5th, 1785.

To his Excellency the president and the Supreme executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

We the subscribers Justices of the Court of General Quarter sessions of the peace within mentioned do humbly recommend the within petitioner to the compassionate consideration of your Honble Board, as his circumstances and situation will put it out of his power to comply with the sentence of the Court. Given under our hands at Lancaster May 5th, 1785.

We further beg leave to certify that the petitioner is really so poor that he has been discharged under the insolvent Acts as to all debts due from him to individuals.

J. Hubley Jos. Miller Jno. Gloninger Henry Sheffer Saml. Jones

(Petition of the Inhabitants of Lancaster County)

To the Honourable the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

The Memorial of the Inhabitants of Lancaster County humbly sheweth that many of your memorialists have, during the late arduous and tedious contest, rendered repeated services, and granted supplies; for which the State, or the United States, are still indebted. Our officers, and soldiers, are now become citizens; to whom considerable sums are due for their hard earned wages, Justice, Equity, and every type of honour, and good faith often pledged, call aloud for the speedy discharge of each of those in preference to all others, to you we look for, and it's our desire you will adopt suitable means for redress. The scarcity of a circulating medium renders it extremely difficult to pay the heavy taxes that have been called for. And whereas a law is passed, ordering payment of the original purchase, and the interest on all the undeeded land, since the settlement; These lands in general are by far the poorest, and of consequence unfittest to pay those large sums. There-

fore beg leave to anticipate, and request that you will allow the unpatented lands to be paid for with the Certificates or Final settlements, belonging to Citizens, and that are entitled to receive interest from this State; by which means a considerable part of the public debts will be paid, and of course the interest thereon cease; and it will be much easier for the inhabitants to procure, likewise request your attention to the enormous expenses of the Civil list; lessen the salaries of individuals, dismiss any you may think unnecessary, and by all means (as far as in your power) limit the expenses of our principal officers, which we are well informed, are become enormous, and oppressive, we request the accounts of our County Lieutenants, and sub-Lieutenants as we are well assured there is occasion for some connections and amendments and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Lancaster County, 20th November, 1785.

(Petition of the Inhabitants of Lancaster County)

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| John Paisley | Alexr. Morrison | James Finley |
| Hugh Paisley | John Andrews | Isaac Walker |
| Robert Paisley | John Anderson | John Whiteside |
| Wm. Kerr | Samuel Entriken | John Rowe |
| John Berry | Samuel McClellan | John O'Neill |
| Ja. Baxter | Richard Free | Walter Davies |
| William Downing | Joseph Wilson | John Stewart |
| Alex. May | Francis Caughey | Abraham Whiteside |
| Arthur May | John Crawford | Alexd. Lewis |
| Alex. May Jun. | Samuel Caughey | Wm. Murray |
| John Turner | Christian Has | Joseph Moore |
| Robert Gregory | John White | John Cunningham |
| Henry Noll | Gilbert Anderson | James Whiteside |
| Mattw. Barthollemew | Thomas Whiteside | James Gamble |
| Hugh McConnell | Arthur Andrews | John () |
| John Coughney | William Huston | Robert Cunningham |
| Mattw. Scott | Willm. Barchley | George Meason |
| Richd. McKie | George Nelson | John Patterson |
| Hugh McCausling | John Sweiger | () |
| Daniel McConnel | John McConnel | James Collans |
| | Wm. Anderson | |

(Letters from James Ross Esqr. Lieutenant of the County of Lancaster Militia)

Lancaster, Jan'y 20th. 1786.

Sir:

When you were last in Lancaster. I mentioned to you that the officers of the Deferent Battalions of Lancaster County Militia had not received any of their pay for the last three years, and some of them for some time before, there is not a day but some of them are with me, for their pay, from you saying you would send me an order from Council to draw in the Treasurer for the money, I promised them their pay in a few days they in General conceive the fault is in me, and your last letter desires the accounts of my office to be settled by the first of February next, which time is not far off and I would be glad to be as punctual as possible, if you think proper should wish the order sent by the next post, I think if the order was for seven hundred pounds it would in some measure satisfy them at present, and am with respect your John Nicholson Comptroller Genl.

Memo.—I directed that the Militia fines should be paid by the Collectors to the County Treasurer hence no money will come into Col. Ross' hands but on order.

(From Samuel Turbett Esqr. Collector of Excise in the County of Lancaster to the Honorable John Whitehill, Esqr. Philadelphia).

Lancaster, October 4, 1787

John Whitehill Esqr.

Sir:

I find that the Honorable Council in their wisdom and goodness hath remitting the State part of Mr. Moors seizures and being duly sensible that equal justice and indulgence is due to every citizen in similar cases—I have taken the liberty of recommending to the Honorable Council, the bearer Mr. McCutchin from whom I seized a Hogshead of Rum, which was duly condemned—and which varied in circumstances from the seizure made of Mr. Moers, not a little. I have the honor to be with great respect.

Sir your most obedient
hum servant

Sam. Turbett

P. S.—I also beg the Honorable Council to attend to the Case of George Cooper, which is exactly similar to the above.

(Petition of Jacob Weitzel.)

To the Honorable the Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania. The petition of Jacob Weitzel late Lieutenant of First Regiment of Pennsylvania.

Most Humbly Sheweth:

That your Petitioner served as an officer until the conclusion of the war in the Pennsylvania line. Understanding that a number of troops are to be raised for defense of the Frontiers of the State of Pennsylvania and still being desirous to support the rights of his country.

Praying your honorable body would be pleased to appoint him as Captain in the Troops to be raised in which your petitioner will exert himself to merit your Esteem and the trust reposed in him, by your honorable body.

And as in duty Bound, will ever Pray,

Lancaster, December 6, 1787.

Jab. Weitzel

(Petition of Casper Shaffner)

To the Honourable the Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania. The petition of Casper Shaffner late cornet of the First Partisan Legion. Most Humbly Sheweth.

That your petitioner served as an officer until the conclusion of the War in the said Legionary Corps. And understanding that a number of troops, are to be raised for the defense of the Frontiers of the State of Pennsylvania, and still being desirous to support the rights of his Country.

Praying your honourable Body would be pleased to appoint him as Lieutenant in the Troops to be raised, in which your petitioner will exert himself to merit your esteem and the trust reposed in him by your honourable Body.

And in duty Bound

will ever Pray.

Lancaster December 6th, 1787.

Chas. Shaffner Sen.

(Petition of Joshua Elder)

To the President and Executive Council for the State of Pennsylvania.

The remonstrance of Joshua Elder late a sub-lieutenant of Lancaster County, humbly sheweth.

That your remonstrant was appointed to the office of sub-lieutenant in April 1777 at the first enforcing of the Militia law, that in August 1778 he accounted and settled with Bartram Galbraith lieutenant of the County for the time past, and in the fall of the year 1779, finding his situation very disagreeable and holding that office injured his private interest so much that

he resigned and endeavored to have a settlement with Mr. Galbraith as before, but he told him he could not settle for him, that every sub-lieutenant must settle for himself. That sometime in the winter following about the beginning of the year 1780, a certain William Swan assistant commissary of purchases for Colo. Cox called on your remonstrant for the loan of some money, saying that Colo. Cox had sent to Philadelphia for money but was disappointed in getting; that the money was got so bad he could purchase nothing unless for the ready money, and that he had borrowed a thousand dollars from Parson Montgomery that morning; your remonstrant told Mr. Swan that he had very little money but should be welcome to what he had, and that there was some public money yet in his possession, he thought he might venture to let him have that, and accordingly gave it to him, that he had it at that time just as he received it from the people, each man's money tied up separately and his name and sum endorsed, that the whole of the money so lent public and private amounted to 2500 dollars, your remonstrant likewise supplied Colo. Cox with grain and forage of various species to the amount of £1200 or thereabouts, and sometime afterward received of Colo. Cox the whole amount of the money lent, grain and forage in three Certificates, one in the name of Robert Wallace another in the name of James Wilson and a third in his own name that in the fall of the year 1780 he was sent for by Messrs. Dean, Shee and Morris a board of Auditors appointed in this City to settle all such Acts., that after looking over his papers they told him they could not give him a final settlement, that Colo. Orth was appointed to collect all the outstanding fines in the County, and that he should go home and make report to him of all the outstanding fines and all delinquents in Colo. Rogers and Elder's battalions, accordingly he did so and deposited all his papers in the hands of Colo. Orth, and in July 1783 your remonstrant received a severe letter from Mr. Nicholson the Comptroller Gen. desiring to appear at his office by the 15th of the same month he wrote Mr. Nicholson that it would be very inconvenient for him to attend at that season on account of his harvest, likewise what he had done and that he expected no farther trouble about it Mr. Nicholson then wrote him that he should come as soon as convenient, that his acct. could not be finally settled until they would pass that office, he then got his papers from Colo. Orth and came to Philadelphia in August 1783, the Comptroller on examining the papers found a balance of £530 in favor of the public, out of which he insisted on your remonstrant to take his pay for fifteen months service and pay sixty pounds specie into the Treasury, he thought this exceeding hard and told him he had lent that money and some of his own to the amount of 2500 dollars and about £1200 worth of grain and forage and had in lieu thereof received unsettled certificates which were not worth fifty pounds. Your remonstrant lay upon him three days for a moderation but to no purpose, at length being wearied out he told Mr. Nicholson to make out his account, that he would pay into the Treasury what he thought proper as soon as convenient, accordingly Mr. Nicholson settled it and ordered him to pay £31, which he agreed to rather than have trouble. In April 1785 Colo. Robert Elder came to settle his accounts and found himself charged with £150 by Colo. Galbraith and likewise by your remonstrant, he being sensible that he had received that sum only once the delinquency fell on your remonstrant, Colo. Galbraith having previously settled his accounts and charged Colo. Elder with that sum by the hands of your remonstrant. In August 1785 the Comptroller sent him a letter with a State of his Acct. charging him with £150 at the value which he recd. it which was three for one altho' your remonstrant had it not twelve hours in his possession, the letter was directed to Paxton where he formerly lived and did not come to hand until late in the fall by which time your remonstrant was laid up with a sore knee, as soon as he was able to travel he came down and applied to

the Comptroller to have the matter settled by auditors which he refused alleging he did not enter his appeal in time.

This is a just and true state of facts which may be relied on. Your remonstrant therefore thinks it exceeding hard that he should be prevented from having the merits of his cause investigated. He is willing to enter or to appear to an amicable suit, and to refer the matters in Controversy to Arbitrators or auditors. He therefore prays that Council will give such directions to the Attorney General as that this matter may be brought to a speedy and impartial decision, and your remonstrant as in duty bound will pray.

Joshua Elder

I have no objection to the merits of Mr. Elder's case coming before the Supreme Court for any other reason than that it may form a precedent in future for delay and is prohibited by law giving benefit, etc. The following is an extract of my letter which he says he received in the fall 1785 which was dated April 8th, 1785 and sent him by his brother immediately after it was written viz: "You mentioned that you were dissatisfied with my last settlement of your amount since that a law hath been passed which gives benefit of jury trial, if you suppose I have wronged you, you can within thirty days but not afterwards appeal to the Supreme Court. I mention this that you may have every opportunity of redress if the payment of the foregoing balance should by you be considered unjust. If you should not appeal within the time limited by law I desire that the aforesaid balance of £81 may be paid into the state Treasury within two months from this date or I must take effectual measures for recovery there of Jno. Nicholson.

(Petition of Jacob Gorgas, Jacob Hage and Peter Martin)

To his Excellency the President and the supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

The petition of Jacob Gorgas, Jacob Hage and Peter Martin all of Lancaster County, most humbly sheweth,

That your petitioners through their ignorance of the excise laws have met with a loss by the collectors having seized some liquors for not having been duly entered, that your petitioners are poor and unable to sustain this loss, which though inconsiderable with respect to the state at large would fall heavy on them that they are encouraged thus to proceed and humbly pray your honors to remit such part of the said forfeiture as the state may be entitled to, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, etc.

We the subscribers beg leave to recommend the above petitioners to the president and council and humbly to request that the prayer of their petition may be granted.

Frederich Kuhn
David R. Barton
James Jacks
Joseph Hubley

Chris. Stake
Jacob Graeff
Solomon Etting
Adm. Reigart Jur.

Jacob Bailey
Jacob Rupp
Robt. Reed

His Excellency the President and the Supreme Executive Council.

I am satisfied that the petitioners were inadvertently led into the mistake committed by them as stated in their petition. That they are much distressed on that account, and humbly beg leave to recommend to your Honorable House a remission of their forfeitures.

I have the Honor to be with great respect
your obedt. hum Servt.

14 Augst. 1790.

Saml. Turbett Coll.

(Letter from James Ross Esquire Sheriff of the County of Lancaster informing Council of the apprehending of Doyle who assisted in murdering two friendly Indians on Pine Creek and of his being secured in Lancaster jail to His Excellency Thomas Mifflin.)

Lancaster, September 25th, 1790.

Sir:

This day I received a letter from William Wilson one of the members of the Council, by two persons of the name of Thomas Reese and Jacob Mercley, by them he sends a certain Samuel Doyle to be left in the gaol of Lancaster County, for the murder of two Indians on Pine Creek, and requested me to give the earliest information, to council,

and remain your Excellencys
most obt. Humble Servt.

James Ross, Sheriff of Lanc. Co.

To His Excellency Thomas Mifflin,
President of the Supreme Executive Council
of the State of Pennsylvania.

(Recommendation in favor of Mr. Jacob Strickler for the office of Justice of the Peace to His Excellency Thomas Mifflin Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.)

Lancaster, December 18th, 1794.

Sir:

Mr. Boude being elected a Member of the State Legislature for this County leaves a vacancy in the Magistracy in the district where he resides.

We beg leave to recommend to your Excellency Mr. Jacob Strickler of that district to succeed Mr. Boude. He is an active intelligent person, and his appointment as a Justice of the Peace, we flatter ourselves will give very general satisfaction.

We are your Excellency's most obd. Servants,

Robt. Coleman
J. Yeates
G. Ross
Jno. Jos. Henry
Edw. Hand

May Minutes 1921

The Lancaster County Historical Society met at the Iris Club combining its regular session with the annual Indoor Social. The Business Meeting was called at the usual hour 7:30. The President, Hon. Charles I. Landis officiated.

The officers' reports, including the minutes of the Secretary, the Treasurer's financial Statement, and the Librarian's report were approved as read.

The Librarian's report included the following gifts and exchanges for the month: Bulletin of the New York Public Library, April, 1921; Bulletin of the Grand Rapids Public Library, April, 1921; The Vocational Summary, April, 1921; Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine, April, 1921; American Catholic Historical Society Records, March, 1921; Snyder County Historical Society Bulletin, February, 1921; The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, October, 1919—and the January, April, and July 1920 numbers; The Cadmus Book Shop 1921 Catalogue; The Aldine Book Company Catalogue of Americana for 1921; Enoch Pratt Free Library Bulletin January, 1921; Bulletin of Carnegie Library at Pittsburgh, December 1920; Washington State Historical Society Quarterly, April 1921; Annual Report of the American Historical Association for 1908 in two volumes, presented by Mr. A. K. Hostetter; A Volume of "The Aurora" Newspaper of Philadelphia for part of the year 1812 and the year 1813, Presented by Squire J. Ross Hildebrand of Strasburg; An Autograph copy of a History of the World War Activities of Company D. 151st. Machine Gun Battalion, Forty-Second Division A. E. F. formerly Company K. Compiled from the Diary of Sergeant John C. Kiehl of Lancaster, and presented by him; A Letter, read by Mr. Hostetter, from Miss Mary Haldeman Walters to Hon. H. E. Kennedy, Mayor of Lancaster, announced her presentation to the Historical Society of the portrait of Hon. George Sanderson, early Mayor of Lancaster. The letter stated that this was the request of the daughter of Mr. Sanderson who died three years ago.

There were three applications for membership, deferred as usual for action one month. The following were elected to membership: H. C. Miller, Lititz, Pennsylvania; William P. Bucher; George W. Hensel, Jr.; W. U. Hense; all of Quarryville; Rev. Daniel S. Kurtz, 140 East Walnut Street, City.

The Historical and Musical Program followed the Business Meeting. The President, Judge Landis, gave the Opening Address. As this was the evening of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the reorganization of the Society he gave an outline of its history with the possibilities for its future.

The main address of the evening was given by Mr. H. H. Shenk of the State Library at Harrisburg.

A String Quartet, consisting of Miss Marguerite Herr, Mrs. Ellwood Giest, Mr. Herbert Beck, and Mr. Harold Pries gave several musical selections. Owing to the sudden illness of Mr. Ray Hall who was to have been vocalist, Community Singing was substituted, the Secretary, in the emergency, acting leader.

The entertainment closed with the Social Hour during which refreshments were served.

Adaline B. Spindler, Secretary.

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